

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting
P.O. Box 1167
Syracuse, KS 67878
Meeting Place - Commissioner Room
Hamilton County Courthouse
September 15, 2015
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner
Rob Gale, Attorney
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with four Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Braddock moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Simon seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the September 8, 2015 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was approved with three "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

MATT OVERTURF: Mr. Overturf and Justin Ochs with Skyland Grain, asked the Commissioners about using the County land west of the ball diamonds for additional milo storage for this fall's harvest. The plan is to have the farmers dump at the elevator and Skyland will have three trucks dumping at the proposed site, which will keep the traffic to a minimum. Skyland will skim off the grass, but they will leave it in the same condition as what they started with and reseed the area. The Milo will be picked up by the end of March, 2016. The Commissioners discussed concerns of the condition of the paved road going to the proposed site as there are a couple water lines under the road. The Commissioners asked that Skyland Grain be liable for any road repairs needed after the grain hauling is complete and will need to provide liability insurance. Mr. Overturf stated he will speak to Skyland Grain's CEO and have Dave Black draw up a contract and will report back.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Commissioner Braddock discussed the temporary repairs the crew will do to Road 36. Also discussed a request for possible opening of Road 37. The County Clerk will mail a Road Petition to the individual requesting the opening. Commissioner Simon discussed purchasing a new mower for the Road Department.

KWORCC VOTING DELEGATE: Commissioner Simon moved that Nikki Schwerdfeger be appointed as Hamilton County's voting delegate to the KWORCC Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, and Mike Lewis be appointed as the Alternate to said meeting. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

SEWARD COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT: Attorney Gale advised that Seward County requested reimbursement for Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center costs they incurred for training Deputy Chandler Brockett in the amount of \$18,545.28. There is a Kansas Statute stating if a County pays for a Deputy's training and the Deputy leaves that County for another Kansas County, the new County is liable for a portion of the training. Commissioner Puckett moved to reimburse Seward County \$18,545.28 for the KLETC training for Chandler Brockett to be paid from the Sheriff's Budget. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

CALICHE REQUEST: Commissioner Braddock informed that Pioneer Electric requested to purchase some caliche from the County. It was decided to sell the caliche at \$5.00 per ton and Pioneer Electric will provide the loader and the trucks.

SW KAC MEETING: The SW KAC Meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2015. There is a bid opening scheduled for that day at the Commissioner Meeting. It was decided that the Commissioners will not attend the KAC Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Puckett moved for a 10-minute executive session for matters pertaining to attorney client privilege with the Commissioners, and the County Attorney present. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The executive session began at 9:45 a.m. and the regular meeting resumed at 9:55 a.m.

FAIR BOARD APPOINTMENT: The County Clerk submitted a letter she received from the Hamilton County Fair Board stating that the Fair Board recommends Juliana Houtsma as their first choice, and Caitlyn Horton as their second choice to fill the Board position vacated by Carol Roberts. The Commissioners also received copies of all of the letters of interest received regarding the open board position. Commissioner Braddock moved to accept the recommendation of the Fair Board and appoint Juliana Houtsma to the Hamilton County Fair Board for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROW PERMIT: Reviewed a ROW Permit submitted by Dale & Tova Barnes to place a water line across County Road P. The Road will be cut and then water packed to the original condition. Commissioner Simon moved to approve the ROW Permit as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Schwerdfeger moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$10,605.38, the Hospital Appropriation in the amount of \$193,401.00 and \$105.71 for the Sheriff's credit card. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Discussed the concerns of drinking on the Fair Grounds during the Demo Derby that was noted in the Fair Board's meeting minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: See above.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Commissioner

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